

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)	
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Amendment of Section 73.202(b),)	
FM Table of Allotments,)	MB Docket No. 02-330
FM Broadcast Stations.)	RM-I0588
(Jasper, Arkansas))	
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REPORT AND ORDER

Adopted: January 15, 2003

Released: January 17, 2003

By the Assistant Chief, Audio Division:

1. The Audio Division has before it a *Norice of Proposed Rule Making* ("Notice")¹, which includes the captioned proceeding. The Notice set forth two separate proposals to allot FM channels to two separate communities.² JEM Broadcasting Company, Inc., ("Petitioner"), requests the allotment of Channel 245A to Jasper, Arkansas, as that community's first local aural transmission service. Petitioner filed no comments in response to the *Norice*. No other comments or expressions of interest were received in response to the *Norice*.

2. As stated in the Appendix to the *Norice*, a showing of continuing interest is required before a channel will be allotted. It is the Commission's policy to refrain from making a new allotment to a community absent an expression of interest. Therefore, since comments were not received from the Petitioner supporting the allotment of Channel 245A to Jasper, Arkansas, or any other party, we will dismiss the Petition for Rule Making.

3. **IT IS ORDERED**, That the Petition for Rulemaking filed by JEM Broadcasting Company, Inc. IS DISMISSED.

4. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**. That this proceeding **IS TERMINATED**.

¹ See *Jasper, Arkansas and Milford, Utah*, 17 FCC Rcd 21161 (MB 2002)

² The proposals set forth in the multiple *Norice* were not mutually exclusive with each other. A separate *Report and Order* will be issued for the Milford, Utah proceeding (MB Docket No. 02-331).

5. For further information concerning this proceeding, contact Rolanda F. Smith, Media Bureau.
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